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Box No. I Basis of the report

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☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1 - 18 _____ as originally filed/furnished

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☒ the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention

The claimed invention relates to a method for communication network performance analysis.

The claims have been amended.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 6442393 A
D2: EP 431956 A
D3: US 5920607 A
D4: US 5598532 A
D5: WO 9824208 A

D2 relates to a cellular radiotelephone diagnostic system. D2 describes in the abstract that when a call is received by a base station, the position of at least one of the mobile units operating within the geographic area is located. As a call is part of different services that may be supported by a cellular communication system, this is a subset of the possible service offered to the subscriber by a communication service.

The claimed invention differs from D2 in the following respect. According to D2, a call has to be received by a base station from a respective mobile unit. In other words, only ongoing calls are monitored.

According to the claimed invention, not only ongoing calls can be monitored but also refused service requests can be exploited for communication network analysis.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: BOX V.

D3-D5 all merely disclose the state of the art and are not commented on further.

Consequently, the claimed invention as in claims 1-7 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and has industrial applicability.

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CLAIMS 1 to 7

1. A method for communication network performance analysis comprising the steps of

a) acquiring and storing information related to
a1) service requests issued by terminals attached
to said network,

a2) positions of said requesting terminals, and
a3) establishment of the requested service for
said terminals,

b) matching, based on the position information, said
information to a grid of unit areas, the grid of
unit areas representing a geographical region in
which said network is operated,

c) processing said information per unit area, and

d) outputting said processed information,

e) wherein said information related to the
establishment of the service comprises at least a
success indication indicating that said service was
successfully established or not and at least one
service attribute, and wherein

f) said processing comprises a step of logically
combining said service request information and said
success information.

2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the
step of

g) modifying communication network operating
parameters based on said outputted processed
information.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein
said processing comprises a further step of summing
said at least one service attribute parameter.

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4. A method according to claim 1, wherein
said processing comprises the further steps of
sorting said stored information according to said
at least one service attribute, thereby obtaining a
plurality of information sets, each being
representative of an individual service
distinguishable by said at least one service
attribute, and

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selecting one of said information sets according
to the service attribute for being output.

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5. A method according to claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein
said acquired information is stored for a
predetermined time.

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6. A method according to claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein
said processing comprises a step of filtering said
stored information using a selectable time window.

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7. A method according to claim 6 when dependent on claim 3,
wherein said summed at least one service attribute
parameter is divided by the time period defined by said
selected time window.

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